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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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and

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed  
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS ESSENTIAL FOR PLANT  
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND USES THEREOF.**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified  
specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information, which is known by me to be material  
to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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